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Web 2.0 Tools

My computer class shows a keen interest in animation. Therefore, I researched animation tools that are free and do not require advanced flash and will function on our outdated computers. I found three sites that I allowed my students to choose from: xtranormal, devolver, and zimmer twins. Students spent an entire class period looking at the three different sites and decided which site they could use to talk about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. My students used letsmove.gov to find inspiration and think of the different components to living a healthy life.

Most of my students really enjoyed this project. In the future, I might make the assignment more clear-cut. In other words, I might give them something very specific on which to create a video using one of these three sites. I found that xtranormal created the best videos; however, the students were reluctant to use it, because we do not have speakers, and they could not hear the movies they made.

These tools are excellent for computer class, and I try to explain to my students that they can also use this for other classes, as well. I plan to showcase these videos on my Wiki. My students will love seeing their work displayed. I think this will also entice them to work harder and perfect their work.